184 Lincoln street, Worcester

July 4 1887

My dear Sir

I thank you sincerely for sending me a copy of [Mr. Johnson's Paper in reply to Mr. Thayer, containing also your own letter & remarks. [This effectually & courteously silences Mr. Thayer, & is a public service.]]

I thank you also for

Your very kind & encour-
aging note, received two or
three weeks ago. I was
of course sorry not to see
you at my closing exercises,
but I should have under-
stood your absence without
a word from you. I always
feel the moral support of
your generous approval & sym-
pathy, whether you are pres-
ent bodily or not. And
this has been for years a

source of strength & cheer
to me in my work.

With great respect & Esteem,

Very sincerely yours,

E. H. Russell

Rev. Samuel May

Leicester

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